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Dee Morikawa, Chair Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair House Committee on Human Services

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## **SUPPORT HCR101**

My name is Krystle Rasos; I am representing University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Social Work. I am testifying in support of HCR101 requesting that the EOA establishes a working group to review adult education services and the potential to provide new learning opportunities to senior citizens.

I am currently in the masters of social work program specializing in gerontology, with years of employment and practicum experience with the older adult population. I do believe older adults should be provided new learning opportunities because education may benefit these individuals psychosocially; which may holistically lead to better health outcomes and a decrease in chronic illnesses.

Please support HCR 101 for our senior citizens in receiving necessary opportunities that will help them to maintain and enhance their knowledge and awareness in our community.